

REMARKS

The Official Action of May 14, 2004, has been carefully reviewed. The claims in the application are now only allowable claim 4 and claim 5 amended to depend therefrom, whereby the present application should now be in condition for formal allowance consistent with what is stated in the Official Action. Applicant accordingly respectfully requests favorable consideration and early formal allowance.

Claim 4 has only been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but is otherwise indicated as being "allowable if rewritten in independent form..." Applicant accordingly understands that claim 4 is deemed by the PTO to define novel and unobvious subject matter under §§102 and 103.

Claim 4 has now been rewritten in independent form and should therefore now be in condition for formal allowance. Claim 5 has been amended to depend from claim 4, and it therefore should now be in condition for formal allowance as it incorporates the subject matter of allowable claim 4.

As claims 4 and 5 are the only claims remaining in the application, the present application should now be in condition for formal allowance. Such is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5 and 6 have been rejected on the basis of prior art. Claims 1-3 and 6 have now been deleted and claim 5

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has been amended (as indicated above) to depend from allowable claim 4. Accordingly, applicant need not address such prior art rejection at the present time.

For the record, claims 1-3 and 6 have been canceled without prejudice to applicant's rights, including the rights provided by §120, to pursue those claims or similar claims in a continuation application without any penalty whatsoever, if applicant chooses to do so.

The prior art documents made of record and not relied upon have been noted, along with the implication that such documents are deemed by the PTO to be insufficiently pertinent to warrant their application against any of applicant's claims.

Applicant believes that all issues have been addressed above and that the present application is now in condition for formal allowance. Such is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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